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| UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YOR | K | | |
| IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER SITE LITIGATION | | 21 MC 100 (AKH) | |
| EDWARD J SCHWENDEMANN AND GRACE SCHWENDEMANN | | DOCKET NO. | |
| Pla | intiffs, | CHECK-OFF ("SH COMPLAINT RELATED TO THE | E |
| - against - | | MASTER COMPLA | |
| A RUSSO WRECKING, ET. AL., | | PLAINTIFF(S) DEN JURY | MAND A TRIAL BY |
| SEE ATTACHED RIDER, | | | |
| Defe | endants. | | |
| By Order of the Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein, United States District Judge, dated June 22, 2006, ("the Order"), Amended Master Complaints for all Plaintiffs were filed on August 18, 2006. | | | |
| NOTICE OF ADOPTION | | | |
| All headings and paragraphs in the Master Complaint are applicable to and are adopted by the instant Plaintiff(s) as if fully set forth herein in addition to those paragraphs specific to the individual Plaintiff(s), which are listed below. These are marked with an 'V' if applicable to the instant Plaintiff(s), and specific case information is set forth, as needed, below. | | | |
| Plaintiffs, EDWARD J SCHWENDEMANN AND GRACE SCHWENDEMANN, by his/her/their attorneys WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP, complaining of | | | |

Defendant(s), respectfully allege:

I. PARTIES

A. PLAINTIFF(S)

| | | | | ereinafter the "Injured armingdale, NY 1173 | |
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| | | | (OR) | | |
| 2. | Alternatively, \square | | _ is the | of Decedent | |
| | , and brings thi | s claim in his (he | er) capacity as | of the Estate of | · |
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Case 1:08-cv-01784-AKH Document 1 Filed 02/19/2008 Page 2 of 11 3. ☑ Plaintiff, Grace Schwendemann (hereinafter the "Derivative Plaintiff'), is a citizen of New York residing at 40 Mill Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735-0000, and has the following relationship to the Injured Plaintiff: \checkmark SPOUSE at all relevant times herein, is and has been lawfully married to Plaintiff EDWARD J SCHWENDEMANN, and brings this derivative action for her (his) loss due to the injuries sustained by her husband (his wife), Plaintiff EDWARD J SCHWENDEMANN. ☐ Child Parent Other: In the period from 9/11/2001 to 9/30/2001 the Injured Plaintiff worked for Consolidated Edison of New York, Inc. as a Mechanic A-Gas construction at: Please be as specific as possible when filling in the following dates and locations ✓ The World Trade Center Site ☐ The Barge Location(s) (*i.e.*, building, quadrant, etc.) From on or about ______ until _____; Approximately _____ hours per day; for From on or about 9/11/2001 until 9/30/2001; Approximately _____ days total. Approximately 18 hours per day; for Approximately 20 days total. ☐ **Other:*** For injured plaintiffs who worked at _____ Non-WTC Site building or location. The injured ☐ The New York City Medical Examiner's Office plaintiff worked at the address/location, for the From on or about _____ until _ dates alleged, for the hours per day, for the total Approximately _____ hours per day; for days, and for the employer, as specified below: Approximately _____ days total. From on or about _____; ☐ The Fresh Kills Landfill Approximately _____ hours per day; for From on or about _____ until _____; Approximately _____ days total; Approximately _____ hours per day; for Name and Address of Non-WTC Site Approximately _____ days total. Building/Worksite: *Continue this information on a separate sheet of paper if necessary. If more space is needed to specify "Other" locations, please annex a separate sheet of paper with the information. 5. **Injured Plaintiff** \checkmark Was exposed to and breathed noxious fumes on all dates, at the site(s) indicated above; \checkmark Was exposed to and inhaled or ingested toxic substances and particulates on all dates at the site(s) indicated above; \checkmark Was exposed to and absorbed or touched toxic or caustic substances on all dates at the site(s) indicated above; \checkmark Other: Not yet determined.__

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| Injure | d Plaintiff |
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| V | Has not made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund. Pursuant to \$405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable. |
| | Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was denied. Pursuant to § $405(c)(3)(B)(i)$ of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable. |
| | Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund, that was subsequently withdrawn by Ground-Zero Plaintiff. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable. |
| | Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was granted. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, Ground Zero-Plaintiff has waived her/his right(s) to pursue any further legal action for the injuries identified in said claim. |

B. DEFENDANT(S)

The following is a list of all Defendant(s) named in the Master Complaint. If checked, all paragraphs pertaining to that Defendant are deemed pleaded herein.

| ☐ THE CITY OF NEW YORK | ☑ A RUSSO WRECKING |
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| ☐ A Notice of Claim was timely filed and | ☑ ABM INDUSTRIES, INC. |
| served on and | ☑ ABM JANITORIAL NORTHEAST, INC. |
| | ☑ AMEC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, |
| ☐ pursuant to General Municipal Law §50- | INC. |
| h the CITY held a hearing on(OR) | ☑ AMEC EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. |
| ☐ The City has yet to hold a hearing as | ☑ ANTHONY CORTESE SPECIALIZED |
| required by General Municipal Law §50-h | HAULING, LLC, INC. |
| ☐ More than thirty days have passed and | ☑ ATLANTIC HEYDT CORP |
| the City has not adjusted the claim | ☑ BECHTEL ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL |
| (OR) | CORPORATION |
| ☐ An Order to Show Cause application to | ☑ BECHTEL CONSTRUCTION, INC. |
| ☐ deem Plaintiff's (Plaintiffs') Notice of | ☑ BECHTEL CORPORATION |
| Claim timely filed, or in the alternative to grant | ☑ BECHTEL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. |
| Plaintiff(s) leave to file a late Notice of Claim | ☑ BERKEL & COMPANY, CONTRACTORS, |
| Nunc Pro Tunc (for leave to file a late Notice of | INC. |
| Claim <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i>) has been filed and a | ☑ BIG APPLE WRECKING & CONSTRUCTION |
| determination | CORP |
| is pending | ☐ BOVIS LEND LEASE, INC. |
| ☐ Granting petition was made on | ☑ BOVIS LEND LEASE LMB, INC. |
| ☐ Denying petition was made on | ☑ BREEZE CARTING CORP |
| | ☑ BREEZE NATIONAL, INC. |
| ☐ PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND | ☑ BRER-FOUR TRANSPORTATION CORP. |
| NEW JERSEY ["PORT AUTHORITY"] | ☑ BURO HAPPOLD CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C. |
| ☐ A Notice of Claim was filed and served | ✓ C.B. CONTRACTING CORP |
| pursuant to Chapter 179, §7 of The | ☑ C.D. CONTRACTING CORP |
| Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New | ☐ CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF |
| York on | NEW YORK, INC. |
| \square More than sixty days have elapsed since | ☑ CORD CONTRACTING CO., INC |
| the Notice of Claim was filed, (and) | ☐ CRAIG TEST BORING COMPANY INC. |
| ☐ the PORT AUTHORITY has | ☑ DAKOTA DEMO-TECH |
| adjusted this claim | ☑ DIAMOND POINT EXCAVATING CORP |
| ☐ the PORT AUTHORITY has not | ☑ DIEGO CONSTRUCTION, INC. |
| adjusted this claim. | ☑ DIVERSIFIED CARTING, INC. |
| | ☑ DMT ENTERPRISE, INC. |
| ☐ 1 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC | ☑ D'ONOFRIO GENERAL CONTRACTORS |
| ☐ 1 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC | CORP |
| ☐ 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC | ☑ EAGLE LEASING & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY |
| □ 2 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC | ✓ EAGLE ONE ROOFING CONTRACTORS INC. |
| ☐ 4 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC | ☐ EAGLE SCAFFOLDING CO, INC. |
| ☐ 4 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC | ☑ EJ DAVIES, INC. |
| ☐ 5 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC | ☑ EN-TECH CORP |
| ☐ 5 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC | ☐ ET ENVIRONMENTAL |
| ☐ 7 WORLD TRADE COMPANY, L.P. | □EVANS ENVIRONMENTAL |

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☐ OTHER:

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✓ SAFEWAY ENVIRONMENTAL CORP

☑ SEASONS INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTING

✓ YORK HUNTER CONSTRUCTION, LLC

☑ ZIEGENFUSS DRILLING, INC.

| ☐ Non-WTC Site Building Owner | ☐ Non-WTC Site Building Managing Agent |
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| Name: | Name: |
| Business/Service Address: | |
| Building/Worksite Address: | Building/Worksite Address: |
| ☐ Non-WTC Site Lessee | |
| Name: | |
| Business/Service Address: | |
| Building/Worksite Address: | |

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The Court's jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action is:

| ✓ Founded upon Federal Question Jurisdiction; specifically; ✓; Air Transport Safety & System Stabilization Act of 2001, (or); ☐ Federal Officers Jurisdiction, (or); ☐ Other (specify):; ☐ Contested, but the Court has already determined that it has | | | | | |
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| removal jurisdiction over this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441. | | | | | |
| | III CAUSES OF ACTION | | | | |
| Plaintiff(s) seeks damages against the above named defendants based upon the following theories of liability, and asserts each element necessary to establish such a claim under the applicable substantive law: | | | | | |
| V | Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law(s) including §§ 200 and 240 | V | Common Law Negligence, including allegations of Fraud and Misrepresentation | | |
| V | Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law 241(6) | | ✓ Air Quality; ✓ Effectiveness of Mask Provided; ☐ Effectiveness of Other Safety Equipment Provided | | |
| | Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-a | | (specify:); ☑ Other(specify): Not yet determined | | |
| | Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-e | | Wrongful Death | | |
| | | V | Loss of Services/Loss of Consortium for Derivative Plaintiff | | |
| | | П | Other: | | |

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1. As a direct and proximate result of defendant's culpable actions in the rescue and/or recovery and/or construction, renovation, alteration, demolition and all work performed at the premises, the Injured Plaintiff sustained (including, but not limited to) the following injuries:

| Cancer Injury: N/A. Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: | | Cardiovascular Injury: N/A. Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: |
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| Respiratory Injury: Shortness of Breath; Sinus Problems; Wheezing Date of onset: 1/11/2008 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date | ✓ | Fear of Cancer Date of onset: 1/11/2008 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date |
| Digestive Injury: N/A. Date of onset: Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: | V | Other Injury: Skin Rash; Sleeping Problems Date of onset: 1/11/2008 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date |

NOTE: The foregoing is NOT an exhaustive list of injuries that may be alleged.

2. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries identified in paragraph "1", above, the Ground Zero-Plaintiff has in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer the following compensable damages:

damages: \checkmark Pain and suffering \checkmark Loss of the enjoyment of life \checkmark Loss of earnings and/or impairment of earning capacity \checkmark Loss of retirement benefits/diminution of retirement benefits \checkmark Expenses for medical care, treatment, and rehabilitation \checkmark Other: ✓ Mental anguish **☑** Disability ✓ Medical monitoring ✓ Other: Not yet determined._

3. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries described *supra*, the derivative plaintiff(s), if any, have in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer a loss of the love, society, companionship, services, affection, and support of the plaintiff and such other losses, injuries and damages for which compensation is legally appropriate.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff(s) respectfully pray that the Court enter judgment in his/her/their favor and against defendant(s) for damages, costs of suit and such other, further and different relief as may be just and appropriate.

Plaintiff(s) demands that all issues of fact in this case be tried before a properly empanelled jury.

Dated: New York, New York February 18, 2008

Yours, etc.,

Worby, Groner Edelman & Napoli Bern, LLP

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ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO, an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York, affirms under the penalties of perjury that:

He is the attorney for the plaintiff(s) in the above-entitled action.

That he has read the foregoing SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT and knows

the contents thereof, and upon information and belief, deponent believes

the matters alleged therein to be true.

The reason this Verification is made by deponent and not by the plaintiff(s) is that the plaintiff(s) herein reside(s) in a county other than the one in which the plaintiff's attorneys maintain their office.

The source of deponent's information and the grounds of his belief are communication, papers, reports and investigation contained in the file.

DATED: New York, New York February 18, 2008

CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO

Docket No: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK EDWARD J SCHWENDEMANN (AND WIFE, GRACE SCHWENDEMANN), Plaintiff(s) - against -A RUSSO WRECKING, ET. AL., Defendant(s). SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP Attorneys for: Plaintiff(s) Office and Post Office Address, Telephone 115 Broadway - 12th Floor New York, New York 10006 (212) 267-3700 To Attorney(s) for Service of a copy of the within is hereby admitted. Dated, Attorney(s) for PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: \square NOTICE OF ENTRY that the within is a (certified) true copy of an duly entered in the office of the clerk of the within named court on □ NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT that an order of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlement to the HON. one of the judges of the within named Court, at 20 at $\mathbf{M}.$ Dated, Yours, etc., WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP